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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of:

Norbert Hofmann

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Examiner: Gregory John Binda

For: TRIPODE JOINT FOR INCREASED ARTICULATION ANGLES

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**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

Applicant submits this Amendment and Request for Reconsideration in response to the Office Action dated October 14, 2004. This response is timely because it is being filed within the three-month time period allowed for a response. Please amend the above-identified application as follows: